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Marine Band
Marine Chamber Orchestra
Marine Chamber Ensembles

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“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN” RELEASES LINEUP FOR 2005 CONCERT SEASON

WASHINGTON—“The President’s Own” is pleased to announce its 2005 Concert Season, which includes more than **50 free performances** by the Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra and Marine Chamber Ensembles throughout the greater Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

The band will kick off the new concert season with traditional **John Philip Sousa-style concert** at 2 p.m., Sunday Jan. 9, at George Mason University’s Center for the Arts Concert Hall in Fairfax, Va. Featuring the works of “The March King,” this rousing concert is fast becoming an annual Washington, D.C., tradition. Sousa wrote many of the world’s best-known marches, including America’s national march, “The Stars and Stripes Forever.” The event is free, and tickets are not required.

In 2005, the United States Marine Band joins the **Choral Arts Society of Washington** for the first time. The two will perform a program titled, “The Glory of Grainger” at 2 p.m., May 1, at the new Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda, Md. The event is free, but tickets are required.

“We are thrilled to be collaborating with a symphonic chorus of this caliber,” Lieutenant Colonel Colburn said. “It is especially exciting that our patrons will have the opportunity to hear this concert at the beautiful Music Center at Strathmore, which is slated to open this February.”

This spring, the Marine Chamber Orchestra will return to both Northern Virginia Community College’s Rachel M. Schlesinger Center Concert Hall and Arts Center (NVCC), in Alexandria Va., and the University of Maryland’s Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in College Park, Md. NVCC also will host the Summer Chamber Orchestra concert series.

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Marine Chamber Ensembles return in 2005 to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial (GWMNM) Auditorium, 101 Callahan Drive, in Alexandria, Va. In three years, GWMNM has become a popular venue for “The President’s Own,” with enthusiastic audiences enjoying the intimate setting perfectly suited for chamber music performances. Also this year, Marine Chamber Ensembles will hold two special performances, at 6 and 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 20, at National Theatre’s Helen Hayes Gallery located at 1321 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. The event is free, but tickets are required. For additional information, call (202) 783-3372.

The Marine Band will continue to perform outdoor concerts during June, July and August at the U.S. Capitol and the United States Marine Corps War Memorial. Upholding a tradition initiated by Sousa, “The President’s Own” will embark on its annual national tour to the Southwest in October. For the most up-to-date concert and program information, please visit www.marineband.usmc.mil or call the 24-hour Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011.

The Marine Band is America’s oldest professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Given the title “The President’s Own” by Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band’s primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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2005 Concert Season Schedule

Schedule subject to change

Sunday, January 9 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at GMU

Sunday, January 23 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

Sunday, January 30 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra at NVCC

Sunday, February 6 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at UMD

Sunday, February 13 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at Morgan State University’s
Murphy Fine Arts Center, Gilliam Concert Hall,
2201 Argonne Drive, Baltimore

Sunday, February 20 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra at NVCC

Sunday, February 27 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at GMU

Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at UMD

Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra at UMD

Monday, March 21 at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Ensembles at the National Theatre’s
Helen Hayes Gallery, 1321 Pennsylvania
Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Marine Band at Mary Washington College’s
Dodd Auditorium, 1301 College Avenue,
Fredericksburg, Va.

Sunday, April 3 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at GMU

Sunday, April 17 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Orchestra at NVCC

Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at The Music Center
at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane,
North Bethesda, Md.

Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at NVCC

Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m.

Chamber Ensembles at GWMNM

Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m.

Marine Band at GMU

Sunday, May 29 at 8 p.m.

Marine Band at Filene Center, Wolf Trap
National Park for the Performing Arts,
1645 Trap Road, Vienna, Va.

June, July, and August

Outdoor Marine Band concerts: 8 p.m.,
Wednesdays at the U.S. Capitol,
and 7 p.m., Thursdays at the U.S. Marine Corps
War Memorial in Arlington, Va.

Summer Orchestra Series:

Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., June 18,
July 16, and August 20 at NVCC

Fall Chamber Series:

Sundays at 2 p.m., October 9, 16,
and 23 at GWMNM

2005 Concert Tour:

In October and November, the Marine Band will
visit western Virginia, southern West Virginia,
western North Carolina, Tennessee, northern
Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana,
Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico.

GMU: George Mason University’s Center for the
Arts Concert Hall, Braddock Road and Route
123, Fairfax, Va.

GWMNM: George Washington Masonic
National Memorial Auditorium,
101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, Va.

NVCC: Northern Virginia Community College’s
Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Mary
Collier Baker Theater, 3001 N. Beauregard
Street, Alexandria, Va.

UMD: University of Maryland’s Clarice Smith
Performing Arts Center, Elsie and Marvin
Dekelboum Concert Hall, Stadium Drive
and Route 193 (University Boulevard),
College Park, Md.

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